

**Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting  
October 1st, 2012 at 7p.m.  
Municipal Building  
90 N. West Street  
Spencer, IN 47460**

Board Members present: Cynthia Hyde, Jon Stantz and Dean Bruce.

Also present: Clerk-Treasurer Cheryl Moke, Attorney Richard Lorenz, Chief Marshal Richard Foutch, Sewage Dept Supt. John Hodge, Street Dept. Supt Larry Parrish, Michael Stanley, and James Baughn.

**MEETING WAS OPENED WITH THE PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG**

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR September 17, 2012 REGULAR MEETING**

**Jon Stantz made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Dean Bruce and the motion passed 3-0.**

**IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC ISSUES**

Cynthia asked if there were any public comments on the proposed budget for 2013. There were no comments, so a motion was entertained to adopt it.

**Dean Bruce made a motion to adopt the 2013 budget in the amount of \$1,522,238. The motion was seconded, and passed 3-0.**

Bob Morris notified the Town Board that he was opening a new gun shop located at 106 N. Main.

Denise Shaw updated the Board of Economic Development issues. She reported that there would be a ground breaking for Hoosier Energy, as part of the 43 Corridor project on October 30<sup>th</sup>.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Chief Foutch spoke to the board about adding a K-9 unit to the department. The dog is currently owned by the Owen County Sheriff's department, and can no longer handle it due to some personnel changes. The dog, "Zeus", is trained in narcotics detection. Sheriff Richardson said he would donate the dog to the department, free of charge, along with a kennel and dog food through the end of the year. Deputy Marshal Bonebrake expressed interest in being the dog's handler. Chief Foutch felt that it would be a benefit to the department. He suggested that the Durango, currently being used by Debbie Foutch, would be converted into a K-9 unit. Prosecutor Don VanDerMoere, spoke in favor of this transfer and offered support on behalf of the county.

**Dean Bruce motioned to move forward with the process of transferring the K-9 unit from the Owen County Sheriff's department to the Town of Spencer Police Department. The motion was seconded, and passed 3-0.**

Next, Chief Foutch requested approval of Seth Wade, as an addition to the reserves department.

**Jon Stantz made a motion to accept the recommendation of Seth Wade into the reserves. It was seconded, and passed 3-0.**

Chief Marshal requested that they hold their annual wienie roast on the same night as Trick or Treat. The hours will be from 5pm to 8 pm.

**Dean Bruce made a motion that Trick or Treat be held on Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from 6pm to 8pm. It was seconded and passed 3-0.**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT**

Superintendent Parrish stated he is still looking in the cost of new light fixtures from Duke Energy for the INDOT project along 46. Jon Stantz said they are still looking at alternatives but he would like to set a limit of \$2,500 per unit.

Mr. Parrish asked for permission to hire temporary help for leafing season. He said he would hold off as long as possible, and they would work until December 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the hiring of two temporary leafing workers. It was seconded and passed 3-0.**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE SEWER DEPARTMENT**

John Hodge updated the Board on the status of the plant, and various maintenance issues.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ATTORNEY**

Richard Lorenz asked for permission to review all the documentation from planning and zoning to verify current maps. Permission was granted. He also said he was planning a joint conference between the town and the county to go over personnel regulations.

Dean Bruce asked if the town ordinances are current and up-to-date. Mr. Lorenz commented that they are currently about 75% up-to-date and will bring them up to 100% in the near future.

**IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS**

Jon Stantz reported that he is still working on the ADA plan.

Cynthia Hyde updated the Board on her progress of putting together a Stellar Communities committee and asked the Board for their recommendations. Some discussion followed regarding what should be included in the request. It was decided at the next meeting, appointments would be made for the committee, and then meetings will be held prior to the regular town meetings.

Richard Lorenz said he was working on the update of the nuisance violations code and will report when he finished it.

**IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS**

The Clerk-Treasurer reported that she will begin direct deposits for payroll beginning with the next pay cycle, and will also begin to offer direct payments as soon as all the computer issues are worked out.

She also reported that she is moving along with the process of determining a vendor to provide computer services for the town.

**IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS**

Claims were presented for approval.

**Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the claims as presented. It was seconded and passed 3-0.**

**IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENTJonStantz motioned to adjourn at 9:10 p.m. seconded by Cynthia Hyde and the motion passed 3-0.**

_____	_____	_____
Cynthia Hyde, President	Jon Stantz, Vice-President	Dean Bruce, Board Member

Attest:\_\_\_\_\_

Cheryl Moke, Clerk-Treasurer